

HIST 262 History of China

Section EC

Winter 2010


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Disclaimer: In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

INSTRUCTOR

The instructor for this course is Dr. Martin Singer, Professor of Chinese History. All general inquiries regarding HIST 262 can be e-mailed to: hist262@econcordia.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION – The Head Teaching Assistant for this course is Andrew Welsch and he can be reached as follows:

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Please allow for a 24 hour response time during the week (Monday-Friday). Teaching Assistants check their messages once over the 48 hour weekend period and are not available on statutory or university holidays.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an introduction to China's history from earliest times to the modern era. The first half of the course is devoted to traditional China and consists of a series of thematic lectures on China's political, philosophical, religious, social, economic, diplomatic and cultural traditions.

The second half focuses on China since 1800, with particular emphasis on the West in China. The course subsequently focuses on the three stages of the Chinese revolution, and on the transformation of China since 1949.

Please note that there is a considerable amount of material and reading in this course. Students are expected to demonstrate a proper understanding of all video lectures and reading materials, as well as an ability to synthesize this information into well-organized and clearly written essays. A good quality essay also includes the student's original interpretation of this material. It is very important that you stay on schedule by following the weekly planner found on the last page of the course outline.

OBTAINING REQUIRED MATERIAL

The material for HIST 262 consists of the required textbooks and the HIST 262 course website which contains the course lecture videos, resource centre and additional course materials.

Patricia Ebrey, Chinese Civilization: A Sourcebook (ISBN 0-02908752-X)

Patricia Ebrey's Cambridge Illustrated History of China (ISBN 0-521-6691-X)

- Once you are registered for the course in the EC section, you can purchase your textbooks online from the Concordia Bookstore or in person at the McConnell Building, 1400 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West. Please note that textbooks ordered online will be shipped 5 working days from the date the order was placed.

COURSE WEBSITE, USERNAME & PASSWORD

- Your eConcordia account will be valid until the end of the term for which you are registered.
- Your account will allow you to access the online course material, which includes lecture videos, notes, discussion boards, all graded course components, useful links, readings and many more resources from course website for the duration of the term.
- The course website can be accessed at www.econcordia.com

EASTERN TIME ZONE

- Please note that ALL dates and times are set for the North American Eastern Time Zone and that Quebec uses Eastern Standard Time and Eastern Daylight Time as per the appropriate dates. All students, including distance learners, are required to meet the deadline requirements according to these times. No exceptions will be made.

DISCUSSION BOARD

Available as of 3:00 p.m. on JANUARY 08, 2010.

- The discussion board is a versatile tool in an online course. It is akin to putting your hand up in class, but with a bonus: each and every student can read the questions and the various answers posted, at their leisure.

- To access your TA's name, contact information and your group assignment number, click on the ***Discussion Groups*** link in the left-hand side menu of your eConcordia account.
- You are assigned a TA and a group 24 hours after obtaining your eConcordia username and password.
- If you have not been assigned to a group within 24 hours of obtaining your eConcordia username and password, send an e-mail with your name, student ID number and the name of the course you are taking to discuss@econcordia.com and you will be assigned to a group within 24 hours.

GUIDELINES FOR POSTING ON THE DISCUSSION BOARD

- Do not post your telephone number, student ID, or any other personal information on the discussion board.
- The discussion board is meant for the academic discussion of the course material. Keep postings pertinent to the course material. Questions pertaining to grades, technical issues or questions of a personal nature must be addressed directly to your TA via e-mail. Posts of this nature will be removed by the Forum Administrator.
- Of vital importance is respectful behavior on the discussion board. Refrain from making offensive statements and derogatory comments. For example, students must never insult another person or teaching assistant in a discussion.
- Students who fail to respect these rules will be asked to leave the discussion. It is within our discretion and authority to edit or remove any posting at anytime. Please see the [Codes of Rights and Responsibilities](#).

OFFICE HOURS

- There are no official physical office hours for this course; however your TAs will log on to the discussion board and respond to your posts and e-mails within 24 hours.
- Your TAs will also have ***virtual office hours*** wherein they will be logged onto the discussion board at a predetermined date and time to answer your questions in ***real time***. The ***virtual office hours*** schedule will be made available the second week of the course.

COMMUNICATION

- You will be communicating with your assigned Teaching Assistants and eConcordia

personnel via e-mail.

- Allow for a 24-hour response time during the week (Monday-Friday). Teaching Assistants check their messages once over the 48 hour weekend period and are not available on statutory or university holidays.
- You are required to include the following information in all your e-mail communication:
 - Full name
 - Concordia student ID number
 - Course name and number pertaining to your inquiry
- Save a copy of all e-mail correspondence for the duration of the term and until the final letter grade for your course has been posted in your MyConcordia portal.
- We strongly encourage you to use a Concordia University e-mail account or an account from a provider such as Sympatico, Videotron, etc.
 - Free e-mail accounts such as Hotmail, Yahoo, etc. are NOT recommended and often lead to communication problems.
 - You can obtain a LIVE@EDU e-mail account through your My Concordia Portal by clicking on the link titled "Personal Services" followed by "Computer Accounts & Passwords".
 - For more information about these accounts and other services offered by Concordia's IITS department, you may visit CC-207 or H-925 or <http://helpline.concordia.ca/>.
 - Your e-mail address must be registered in your MyConcordia Portal as well as in the Student Profile of your My eConcordia Portal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Important information regarding the course will be communicated to you via the Announcements Section of the course website.
- The announcements are located in the centre of the main page upon logging in to your eConcordia account. Please make sure to read the postings on a weekly basis.

GRADED ASSESSMENTS

Mid-Term Exam	40%
Final Examination	60%

MID-TERM EXAMINATION

- The mid-term exam is an **in-class written exam** that will consist of 2 essay questions. The essay questions will cover the first half of the course (Traditional China). Students will have 3 hours to complete the mid-term exam.
- All students must write the exam on the indicated date. If you will not be able to write the mid-term exam on the date announced, we recommend that you discontinue the course as no make-up date is available. Any student who misses the mid-term exam will receive a grade of zero.
- For students writing outside of Montreal, the external exams request deadline for the mid-term exam is **JANUARY 30, 2010**.

FINAL EXAMINATION: DATE AND LOCATION T.B.A.

- The final examination is an in-class written exam.
- The final exam is scheduled by Concordia's Examinations Office and will take place during the **final exam period: April 15, 2010 – May 1, 2010**. It is the responsibility of the student to verify the date/time/location and room assignment for the final exam posted in their [MyConcordia Portal](#).
- Do not schedule flights or vacations until the official examination date is released.
- Vacations and travel plans are not considered a valid reason for a deferral request.

EXTERNAL EXAMS – OUT-OF-REGION STUDENTS

- If you are NOT located in the Montreal area and cannot attend the final exam at Concordia, eConcordia will assist you in making arrangements to write the exam at a university in your region.
- External exams are written on the exam date set for the course by the Concordia Exams Office.

- You can obtain an **External Exam Request Form** as well as all pertinent instructions in the External Exam link in the Student Menu of your eConcordia portal. All requests for an external exam are to be submitted via e-mail to: exams@econcordia.com.
- For more information about the external exam option, please call 514-848-8774 or 1-888-361-4949.
- The external exam request deadline for the **MID-TERM EXAM** is **JANUARY 30, 2010**.
- The external exam request deadline for the **FINAL EXAM** is **APRIL 01, 2010**.
- Late requests will NOT be accommodated. ALL fees incurred to write an external exam are the responsibility of the student. Fees vary per institution from \$50 to \$125 per exam. It is the responsibility of the student to inquire about the fee with the Institution prior to scheduling the exam.

POLICY ON EXTENSIONS AND LATE SUBMISSIONS

- Any request for an extension must be received before the deadline or it will not be accepted. In fairness to all students, there will not be any exceptions to this policy.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that if you are unable to complete your work by the deadline or complete an exam on the assigned date, you must request an extension beforehand via e-mail to your Head Teaching Assistant.
- In the case of emergencies, it is your responsibility to notify your Professor or Head Teaching Assistant via e-mail as soon as the issue arises in order to determine the course of action required for the matter at hand.
- Vacations and travel plans (work-related or otherwise) are not considered valid reasons for late submissions of or an inability to complete assignments, quizzes and exams.

GRADES

- Your grades can be accessed via your eConcordia portal. In order to view your marks, you must click on the ***My Grades*** link, located in the left-hand side menu of your account.

- It is your responsibility to ensure your work has been received (to be verified as outlined in your assignment instructions) and to contact your TA via e-mail for clarification if you have any questions concerning your grades.
- Your final letter grade for the course will be posted in your MyConcordia Portal at the end of the term.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS



The technical requirements for accessing the online material are listed within the course content and on our main website:

<http://www.econcordia.com/home/elearning.aspx?section=224> .

If your existing hardware does not meet the requirements, you may experience a lower level of quality and accessibility to our website and course content.

TECHNICAL ISSUES – eConcordia Help Desk

- For any technical questions or inquiries (login or account issues), or if you are having difficulty accessing the eConcordia site, please contact eConcordia's HelpDesk at:

 helpdesk@econcordia.com  514-848-8774 or toll free 1-888-361-4949

- At eConcordia we take every possible measure to ensure that your online learning experience runs as smoothly as possible. There may be times, however, when you encounter technical difficulties that are simply beyond our control. This can include unforeseen network or server or connectivity issues.
- It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that s/he saves a copy of all work to be submitted through the system. This applies to any work sent via e-mail and uploads and textbox submissions to the course website. You are required to save copies of work both on a computer hard drive and an external storage device (diskette, CD or USB key).
- In the event that a technical problem does arise while submitting your work, please send a copy of the error message you received in the body of your e-mail to helpdesk@econcordia.com and one of our agents will assist you.

ACADEMIC CODE OF CONDUCT SIMPLIFIED

It is UNACCEPTABLE to:

- Copy from ANYWHERE without saying from where it came.
- Let someone copy your work and then submit it as their own.

STUDY SKILLS: YOUR GUIDE TO ONLINE LEARNING

At eConcordia we want you to succeed as an online learner. Whether you need help managing your time efficiently, understanding your assignments, or writing exams, this self-directed tutorial will provide you with tips on how to improve your study strategies. Furthermore, reviewing this tutorial as you follow a course will assist you in developing important skills such as note taking, critical thinking, conducting research, and writing, which will ultimately contribute to your academic achievements both online and in traditional settings.

COURSE EVALUATION

Approximately one week prior to the end of the term, you will receive an e-mail message asking you to complete a course evaluation. Click on the link in the e-mail and follow the instructions. Please note that all responses are completely anonymous and will be kept confidential. We value your opinion; your feedback regarding your experience with eConcordia is greatly appreciated.

PLANNED INTERACTION MODE

To make the most of your time and the web-based instructions, the following navigation or interaction mode is recommended. A tutorial is also available in Lesson 1: About This Course in order for you to become familiar with the various functions and tools offered in this course.

1. Video Introduction: First, you should read the objectives for each lesson and watch the introduction video.
2. Readings: Then, you should read the assigned readings from the required textbooks. The assigned readings are listed in each lesson on the course website.
3. Video Lecture: Next, go to the Video Lecture section of the course website to watch the associated video clips and additional study material.
4. Self-Test: To test your comprehension of the readings, videos and additional study material, take the quiz available in the Self-Test section of the course website.

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Agenda

WINTER 2010

All deadlines indicated are on the due date listed by 11:59 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

	Week 1: January 4 – January 10
eC	Discussion Board opens at 3:00 p.m. on JANUARY 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Navigate the course website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 0 : Getting Started
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review the course outline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 1 – About This Course
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 2 – The Geographic Setting of Chinese History
	Week 2: January 11 – January 17
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 3 – A Framework for Chinese History
①	DNE Date: Academic withdrawal deadline (with tuition refund): JANUARY 17
①	Last day to add two-term and fall-term courses: JANUARY 17
	Week 3: January 18 – January 24
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 4 – Philosophical and Religious Traditions of China
	Week 4: January 25 – January 31
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 5 – Government and Politics in Traditional China
	Week 5: February 1 – February 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 6 – The Society and Economy of Traditional China
	Week 6: February 8 – February 14
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 7 – Diplomacy and Culture in Traditional China
	Week 7: February 15 – February 21
	IN-CLASS MID-TERM EXAMINATION: COVERING LESSONS 2-7
	TBA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 8 – The West Comes to China
	Week 8: February 22 – February 28
①	Midterm Break begins: February 22
①	Midterm Break ends : February 28

	Week 9: March 1 – March 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 9 – Rebellion, Revolution, Restoration and Decline in Late Qing China
	Week 10: March 8 – March 14
①	DISC Date: Academic withdrawal deadline (without tuition refund): MARCH 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 10 – The Nationalist Revolution in China, 1895-1949
	Week 11: March 15 –March 21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 11 – The Communist Revolution in China, 1921 - 1949
	Week 12: March 22 – March 28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 12 – The People’s Republic of China 1949 - 1976
	Week 13: March 29 - April 4
①	University Closed April 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson 13 - The People’s Republic of China Since 1976
eC	External Exam Application Deadline for final: APRIL 1
	Week 14: April 5 – April 11
①	University Closed – April 5
eC	Complete Course Evaluation
	Week 15: April 12 – April 14
①	Last day of classes – Winter Term: April 12
	Examination Period: April 15 – May 1
①	Exam date, time and location to be posted in your MyConcordia Portal



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To "Martin Singer" <singerm@yorku.ca>,
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Subject Course Outline Winter 2010

Hello Dr. Singer and Andrew,

Attached is a copy of the tentative course outline for the winter session.

Please review and make any necessary when you have a chance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Mylene.

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